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Expert Accountants Make Report

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That it may be apparent that the discrimination complained of is not wholly a thing of the past, we have picked out the following items of contrast from the records for the single year 1915, which are the latest available.

District No. 11 (Group I) received out of the General fund \$4,551.05, while its proportion of 70% was \$2,058.76

District No. 47 (Group I) received out of the General fund \$9,525.39, while its proportion was \$5,572.99.

District No. 21 (Group III) received out of the General fund \$1,908.63, while its 70% proportion was \$3,447.47. Also, out of its Special tax, amounting to \$3,693.73, it received but \$2,409.11.

District No. 49 (Group III) received out of the General fund \$1,809.21, while its proportion was \$2,874.56. Also, out of its Special tax of \$5,133.16 it received but \$3,466.90.

Group III received a total out of the General fund of \$23,313.58, while its 70% amounted to \$28,101.51. Also, this group levied Special taxes amounting to \$26,930.78, out of which it received but \$20,371.86.

Group I received a total out of the General fund of \$44,510.56, while its 70% was \$37,068.19.

Since the charts, submitted herewith, were prepared, it has been brought to our notice that taxes for 1913, 1914 and 1915, assessed against the O. & C. R. lands are delinquent.

We find upon further examination of the records that approximately 63% in value of these grant lands are in Group III and 37% in Group II, with about one-fifth of one per cent in Group I. For the purposes of our investigation this does not radically change the results.

We find further special road taxes to the amount of \$7,018. for the year 1912 upon O. & C. R. lands were cancelled by the County Court and never collected.

Of this amount \$28. applied to Group I, \$1,877. to Group II and \$5,113 to Group III. While this alters somewhat the ratio of special tax turned over to the districts to amount of tax levied, it is still apparent that the districts of Group III have consistently assessed themselves for special road purposes much more heavily than the remainder of the county.

The books indicate that there was expended during the seven year period for general road purposes, the sum of \$613,450.00, but it would be extremely difficult to determine how this was distributed geographically.

It should be added that our findings deal only with the numbered road districts and exclude all town and city road districts.

Respectfully submitted,

Whitfield, Whitecomb & Co.

Certified Public Accountants.

Eastern Clackamas As Usual The Goat

The following figures taken from the County records show without question a condition that affected all outlying road districts of Clackamas County and to a very marked degree the districts contained within the proposed Cascade County. By the cancellation of \$7017.95 of the Special tax fund on O. & C. Lands by the County Court in 1912: Road District 49, lost \$2785.80; District 33, \$323.07; District 9, \$387.25; and District 21, \$622.29; making a total of \$4118.41.

The general tax however for the same year was collected but as everyone knows only 50% of this is spent in Districts in which it has been raised, the remaining 50% is spent by the County Court at its own discretion. Hence by the cancelling of the Special Tax small losses were sustained by the districts in and about Oregon City but as shown above Eastern Clackamas bore the brunt of the loss. In other words Oregon City had nothing to lose by being lenient with the railroad and everything to gain.

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